

YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

September 13, 2023
Item 6

**TITLE: SELECTION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR
2023/24**

SUMMARY

Each year, the Youth Commission discusses opportunities to participate on committees and selects Youth Commission representatives. Representatives from each of the committees will provide monthly updates to the Youth Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Selection of committee assignments for school year 2023/24.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is no financial impact for this item.

BACKGROUND

To reinforce the Youth Master Plan Goal 3: Contributing Youth; certain committees are seeking youth representatives. Participation on these committees and in meetings allows youth a voice on various projects and events taking place in Pleasanton. Representatives from each of the committees and meetings will provide monthly updates to the Youth Commission.

DISCUSSION

In reviewing the Youth Commission committee structure, staff is recommending that the Health and Wellness and the Public Policy Committees are sunset effective September 2023.

The Health and Wellness Committee was created in April 2017 following the adoption of the 2017/2018 City Council Work plan that identified a goal to create a Health and Wellness Committee to address youth mental health. Since its inception, the committee hosted several teen wellness events and created resources for youth and families on appropriate social media use. The committee work has been completed.

The Public Policy committee was created in 2014 to continue the commission work with the Alameda County Project Teen Friendly, a tobacco prevention initiative. The committee also made recommendations to the City Council to ban smoking in public parks and trails and to ban flavored tobacco products citywide. No additional work for this committee has been identified. Should the commission wish to initiate public policy work in the future, this committee can be reestablished.

Youth Commission committee work requires additional meetings and work outside of regular commission meetings and is done in conjunction with staff.

Staff recommends the selection of commissioners to the following:

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee advises the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City's Traffic Engineering Division on bicycle, pedestrian, and trail related items. The committee reviews and prioritizes potential projects, provides input on policies related to bikeways and trails, and promotes community education and awareness regarding non-motorized transportation.

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee aligns with the following Youth Master Plan Goals and Strategies: Goal 2: Healthy and Safe Youth (2.3) and Goal 3: Contributing Youth (3.1, 3.2, 3.4)

Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

One (1) representative from the Youth Commission is needed.

Ptownlife Website Committee

The Youth Commission provides general oversight of the Ptownlife.org website and News Team's work as part of their workplan. The Ptownlife Website Committee will be comprised of both Youth Commissioners and Ptownlife News Team members. The work of the committee will be to evaluate the website's effectiveness and propose a potential redesign to better reach a youth audience.

The Ptownlife Committee aligns with Goal 3: Contributing Youth (3.1, 3.2, 3.4)

Two (2) representatives from the Youth Commission are needed.

Youth In Government Day Ad Hoc Committee

This Ad Hoc Committee will be responsible for assisting Library and Recreation staff with hosting the Youth In Government Day event cosponsored by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District. The goal is to stimulate interest in community governance and assist in the understanding of the democratic process. District high school students are selected by their teachers and administrators to spend a day job shadowing, participating in staff meetings, and learning about the City and School District leadership.

The Youth in Government Day Ad Hoc Committee aligns with Goal 3: Contributing Youth (3.1, 3.2, 3.4)

Six (6) representatives, at least two in 9-11th grades, from the Youth Commission are needed.

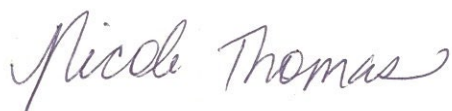
Outreach Ad Hoc Committee

At its August special meeting, the commission identified the need to create awareness of the Youth Commission in the community and for commissioners to better engage with Pleasanton youth. This ad hoc committee will focus on outreach and building connections with youth to better serve the community.

The Outreach Ad Hoc Committee aligns with Goal 3: Contributing Youth (3.1, 3.2, 3.4)

Up to four (4) representatives from the Youth Commission are needed.

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